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Dear Commissioner Forese:

I would like to express our disappointment concerning the Arizona Public Service Company rate case, Docket Number E-01345-16-0036, currently being considered by the Commission. In a period of relatively low inflation it is our understanding that APS has requested an eight percent increase in electricity rates, compounded annually for ten years. My wife and I are on a fixed income and as federal annuitants have seen very little in the way of annual benefit increases during the Obama years. The minuscule increase this year in our Social Security and my military retirement income was 0.3 percent. In addition, for at least three of the Obama years, our increase was zero. I am also an Arizona state retiree, having retired from the Arizona Department of Transportation in December 2008. There have been zero increases in my state retirement pay since that date.

I believe the APS request for an eight percent rate increase, compounded annually for ten years, is unconscionable. In addition, their intention to implement demand charges, if approved, would cause severe hardship on the poor, as well as federal and state annuitants, such as ourselves. The institution of demand charges on all APS customers, regardless of income, would be draconian. What reason does APS have for such gouging of the public? Is there any financial justification for these proposed actions? I think not!

As owners of a solar electricity-producing system, we would also be opposed to reductions in net metering. In an era in which there appears to be a desire to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, it seems to us that APS should be encouraging customers to install solar electricity systems, as do the federal and state governments. However, the proposed APS reductions in net metering would have the opposite effect. It appears that APS is attempting to kill the solar electricity industry in Arizona.

My wife and I both voted for you in 2014. The recent Republican campaign ads seemed to indicate that the Republicans running for the Arizona Corporation Commission were staunch believers in solar energy production. By extension, one could reasonably assume that all Republican commissioners adhere to that belief. If that be the case, please do not support the APS request regarding net metering, and please encourage your colleagues to do the same. In addition, we are depending on you and your colleagues to deny the APS request to impose exorbitant rates and demand charges on its customers.

I would like to speak with you in person, at your convenience. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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